Every year at Christmastime everyone has something they want. These things often vary, but there are always certain gifts that prove the most popular.

In a survey of CCHS students, popular gifts were identified and sorted into five categories. Here are the top five gifts, or categories of gifts, as the case may be, for this year of 2011.

The top gift choice was overwhelmingly any sort of Apple technology. This isn’t really any huge surprise: anything Apple has been radically popular for a long time now. Everything from Apple Iphones to Apple Macbooks received large numbers of votes.

The Apple Stores can expect as much business as always this Christmas. And it is hard to find a fault with the Apple crowd’s taste.

Among the female populus, there was a lot of demand for clothing of all kinds. Everything from jackets to Ugg boots were on the list, along with many different types of shoes. Clothing is a constant favorite among teenagers, and it is not surprising that it would appear on this list.

There are, of course, also video games, the perpetual favorite. There were enough mentions for Modern Warfare 3 and Skyrim that they almost deserved their own categories. The attraction of CCHS to the gaming scene is pronounced and unmistakable.

The only surprise on the list was this one: Speaker Systems. In the survey, there were numerous requests for these. All sorts of speakers, ranging from headphones for Ipods to headsets for video gaming to just speaker systems for cars were requested. Apparently, Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year… for headphones.

Another old favorite on the list is sports equipment. The favorite this year was anything golf-related. Golf clubs, golf balls, you name it. The young golfers are out in force this year, although soccer balls gave it the old college try.

These five categories are what dominated the list of Christmas gifts at Charlotte Catholic. However, there was one other category that had enough votes to be worthy of an Honorable Mention:

There was a frankly startling demand for mythical creatures ranging from unicorns to griffins. However, if you think about it, it makes sense. Who wouldn’t want a mythical steed? Unfortunately, the advocates of legendary beasts are out of luck this year. Not many legendary creatures for sale.

But there’s a silver lining in their cloud: maybe they can join the Apple crowd.